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of

CHRIST CHURCH

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A MURAL TABLET

To the memory of

HENRY COMPTON

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The Colonial Dames of America

Chapter II, Philadelphia

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Sunday Morning, June the Twelfth

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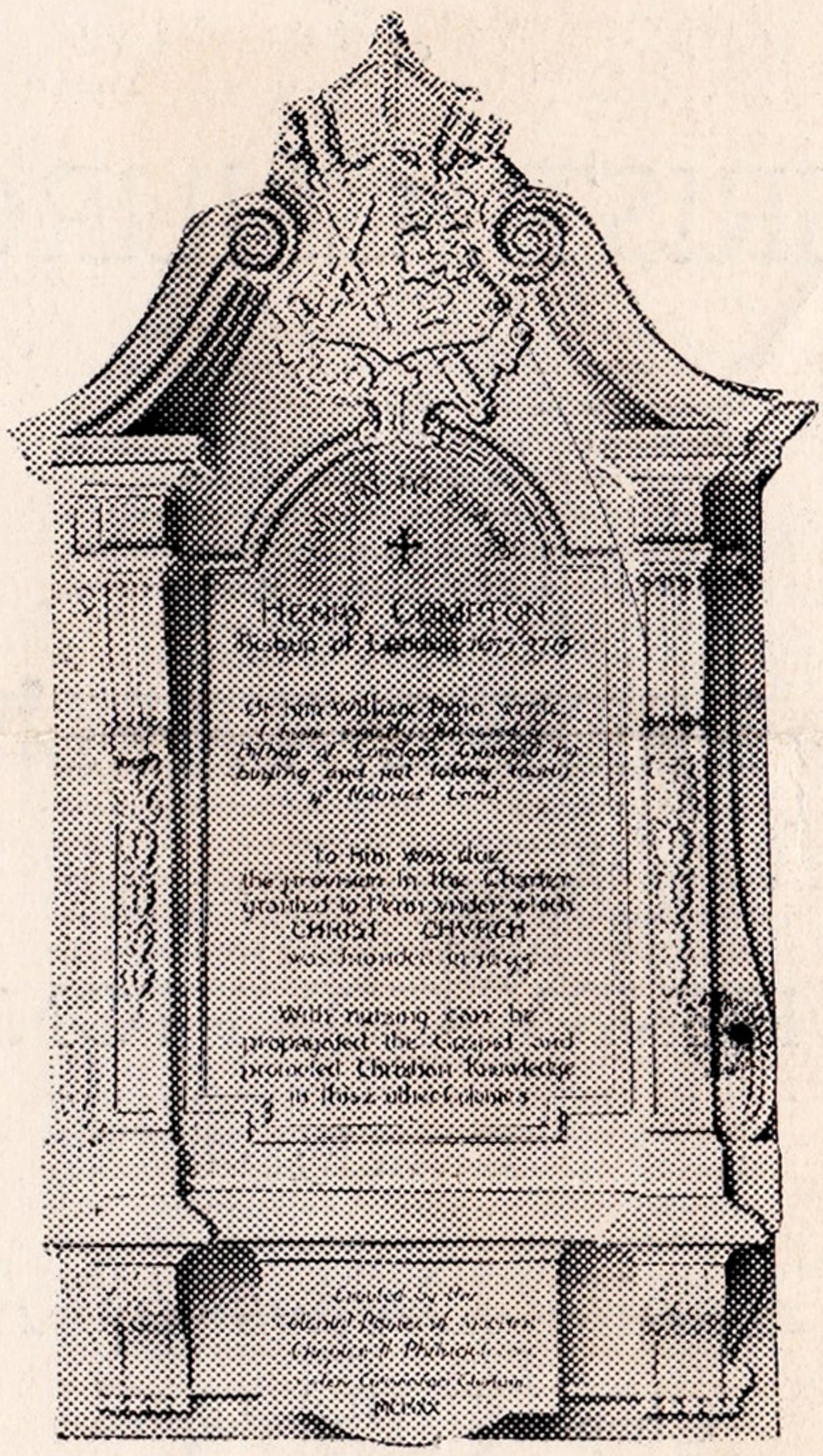
HENRY COMPTON
To him was due
the provision in the Charter
granted to Peterhouse which
CHRIST CHURCH
was founded
With zeal can be
propagated the Gospel and
promoted Christian knowledge
in foreign dominions

Out of the past I see again
Compton and Bray and William Penn,
Held by the bond of divine desire
To lift, as Christ Church lifts its spire,
America up to the gate that bars
Only the evil from God's stars.
Men of the new world,
Men of the true world,
Lift to the lips of the thirsty sun
This chalice of Penn and Washington!

Lord, in Thy house this sacred day,
We kneel where patriots knelt to pray;
They pledged anew their faith in Thee,
Then took up arms for liberty.

Not in their strength, but in Thy might
They trusted to defend the right;
And Thou didst guide them by Thy hand
And stablished firm our fatherland.

God of the Patriots! be our guide
Protect this land for which they died;
Give us our fathers' faith in Thee,
To live for truth and liberty.

Lord, lead us in the paths of peace
Till wars throughout the world shall cease;
Till Nations' hate and strife have died
And righteous peace and love abide.